

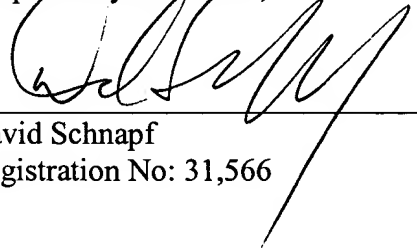
REMARKS

This Amendment After Final, which is timely with the automatic grant of the accompanying petition for extension of time, is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003. By this amendment, applicant has canceled rejected claims 22 – 44, 48 and 53, without prejudice, has amended allowed independent claims 45 and 46 to correct an obvious typographical error, and has amended dependent claims 49 – 52 and 54 so that they now each depend on an allowed claim. In addition, new claims dependent claims 55 – 60, each of which depends on an allowed claim, have been added. It is noted that none of the amended claims were subject to any § 112 rejections. The new dependent claims are identical to the previously presented dependent claims, but depend from a different one of the two allowed independent claims. With the entry of this Amendment, **Claims 45 – 47, 49 – 52 and 54 – 60 are pending in the application.** It is respectfully submitted that only allowed or clearly allowable claims remain pending, and no further consideration on the merits is required. A timely notice of allowance is requested.

Accompanying this Amendment is a Notice of Change of Correspondence Address. The USPTO is requested to update its records to ensure that any responsive action is mailed to the correct address.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 434-9100.

Respectfully submitted,



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